

SUBSIDIARY WILL COMMEMORATE BOLLING

Majority of Councilmen Favor New Paper on Flume Investigation.

NO BLAME FOR COMMITTEE

Compromise Resolution Will Win All But Street Committee Votes.

Instead of making a "scapegoat" of City Engineer Bolling, dumping on him all the blame for the failure of the Settling Basin flume, it is now believed that the Common Council on Wednesday night will adopt a substitute for the committee report, commending the City Engineer for his fidelity to the interests of the city, and placing the blame for failure of the conduit on the contractor, the resident engineer and the inspectors. The substitute has already been drawn, and the indications yesterday were that it would receive fully twenty-five of the thirty-five votes in the lower branch of the Council. Concurrence in the Board of Aldermen will be almost unanimous.

The paper will lay emphasis on portions of the evidence almost entirely ignored in the majority report of the investigating committee, the testimony of a foreman for the Crouse Company that he was instructed by his employer to systematically "trim" the city inspectors and to cheat the city out of one-third of the cement called for by the specifications, mixing each batch of concrete with three bags of cement instead of four whenever Inspector Mann could be wiled away from the mixing board.

WILL NOT BLAME COMMITTEE

The Council is unwilling to adopt the minority report submitted by Alderman Robert Whitte, because of his vigorous attack on the present method of city government, and his unqualified statement that the real blame for the flume failure belongs, not on the City Engineer, but on the City Council, for its refusal to adopt the repeated recommendations of the City Engineer. So strong is the feeling in the Council that everything must be sacrificed to save the present system from criticism, that in the substitute paper there will be no criticism of the Committee on Water, although that body for two years superintended and paid regularly for the construction of a worthless flume, and members of that committee admitted under oath that they had never seen the flume save in passing from a railroad train.

The report will roundly scold the Crouse Construction Company for its failure to deliver a workmanlike job; its failure to have one-third of the cement tested, and, according to the sworn testimony of its own employees, its persistent and systematic cheating in the matter of material used.

The substitute paper will also condemn the incompetency, inefficiency and neglect of the resident engineer and inspectors, attention being called to the testimony that they were tricked, daily, and that the engineers were frequently not on the work for weeks at a time, although drawing full pay.

Plans Are Approved

Final approval of the plans of City Engineer Bolling is shown from the fact that the city is about to set forth to erect another flume on the same general lines as his original drawings. Mr. Bolling will be censured in the substitute report for the appointment of incompetent inspectors. He will also be criticized for his failure to keep a more general oversight over these inspectors. In conclusion, however, the report will commend that Mr. Bolling has commanded long and faithful discharge of his duties to the city, and especially for his skill in designing the settling basin and flume, without other compensation than his salary as Superintendent of the Water.

Advocates of the substitute report point out, in addition to its inherent justice, as shown by the evidence, that to adopt the report of the committee, placing all the blame on the City Engineer, and recommending proceedings against his bondsmen, would stultify the city in the pending litigation against the Crouse Construction Company.

Not Represented by Counsel

Friends of Mr. Bolling insist that in reading the stenographic record of the evidence, it must be remembered that although the city and the Crouse Construction Company were represented by able attorneys, Mr. Bolling had no counsel, and that the investigators with the utmost frankness, making no effort to take advantage of technicalities.

So far from impairing the usefulness of the City Engineer, the latter course of the investigation has shown that his plans were not only correct from an engineering standpoint, but were also in advance of the general development on concrete work, which has largely come into use for such enterprises since work on the settling basin was commenced.

All five members of the investigating committee are members of the Council Committee on Streets, and it is known that some of them have long been at loggerheads with the City Engineer over the ward distribution of street funds and the failure of the committee to place street improvements in the sections where they are most needed.

BONAPARTE HAS CASE

Is Too Busy to Pass Upon Merits of Treat-Earhart Scandal.

It has been learned that the reason for the delay in the receipt of the departmental decision in accepting or rejecting Marshal Morgan Treat's action in the appointment of Captain Asa Rogers as his chief deputy is a successful Major M. J. Earhart is due to the fact that all papers in the case are in the hands of Attorney-General Bonaparte, who has been so engrossed with more important matters that he has not had time to consider thoroughly the two sides. Major Earhart has been patiently awaited a verdict.

The status of the feeling here is about equally divided. Marshal Treat and his friends are confident that the appointment of Captain Rogers will be confirmed, while the Earhart followers are assured that he will be reinstated as soon as the merits of the controversy, which are said to have grown out of political differences, are understood. Marshal Treat is conducting the office without a chief deputy, and must continue to do so until news is received from Washington.

FLEET COVERING LAST LEG BACK TO VIRGINIA WATERS

Thousands of People Will Watch Magnificent Naval Spectacle as Sixteen Battleships Steam Proudly Into Hampton Roads.

Sixteen American battleships—making up the fleet which started from Hampton Roads on December 18, 1907, for a cruise around the world—sailed from Gibraltar Saturday on the last leg of a wonderful trip over the seas. On the morning of February 7, the fleet will steam proudly into the historic Virginia Waters, there to be greeted by a greater array of people than that which cheered it as it sailed away. By ordinary calculations the ships ought to cross from Gibraltar in the evening of the 6th, and it will anchor off the Cape of Manoeuvre, and will come into the roads promptly on schedule time.

Although the people of Virginia will give no formal or official welcome to the world-beaters, thousands from all parts of the State will line the waterfront and watch the parade back to the very point from which the battleships weighed anchor more than a year ago. For the past two months visitors from all sections have been planning to be present at the naval spectacle.

Hotel quarters were secured months in advance, and it may be difficult to get rooms now, though Virginians will reach Old Point on the morning of Washington's birthday and leave in the afternoon.

Those who will have first call on officers of the fleet are the wives and sweethearts, for it was a rather sad picture around the hotels in December a year ago, when the last farewells were being said. Many of the women went to San Francisco to meet the fleet, and they reached the Golden Gate, but it has been a long time since they said good-bye there, and the welcome will be joyful.

From Richmond it is expected that a thousand or more persons will go to Old Point to watch the fleet come home. There will be a distinguished party from Washington. They will see a magnificent picture on the morning of February 22, though it will not be half so interesting as the scenes around the hotels on the eve of that day.

AWAIT FACTS AS TO REABILITY

Water Committee Expected to Award Flume Contract This Afternoon.

With answers in hand which will show the financial responsibility and former experience of one or two bidders, the board of engineers, to which was intrusted the various bids for the new Settling Basin flume, will be ready with a report this morning. If approved by the subcommittee, it will go with its recommendation to the full committee on Wednesday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. The contest has practically narrowed down to two of the bidders for five-foot reinforced concrete flumes. With the former failure in mind, the subcommittee did not feel justified in awarding the contract to any firm not financially responsible, and experienced in handling reinforced concrete.

As soon as the type of flume was determined upon, therefore, inquiries were set on foot to establish the relative standing of the various bidders, who offered this character of flume.

Contrary to the general belief, the report of the Water Committee will not go to the Board of Aldermen tomorrow night, the matter of construction or reconstruction of the flume having been referred by the lower branch. An effort will be made to have the Council award the contract under suspension of the rules Wednesday night, with a special meeting of the Board to consider it.

The board of engineers urge all due expedition in order that the successful contractor may get together material and workmen for prompt and vigorous concrete laying with the first opening of spring weather.

WATCHED HIM THAW

Joe White, Colored, Found Stiff and Unconscious in Alley.

With an empty quart, a pint and a half-pint bottle in his pocket, Joe White, colored, was found by Police-Mann yesterday in an alley in the rear of Ninth and Main Streets stiff and unconscious on the ground. Whether he had emptied all the bottles and was unable to get up, or whether even Joe himself could not answer, for he was in no condition to talk, or for a long time after, the officer summoned the local wagon, and the negro was taken to the First Police Station. He was laid down in the basement, next to the large boiler, where he was left to thaw out. His nose revereberated through the small cellar, and the police, after constant vigilance, felt assured that he was dead.

White will be expected to tell his story about his capacity for imbibing whiskey.

COUNCIL ALONE CAN BLOCK SITE

Fight for Weather Bureau Depends Upon Its Disposition of Committee Report.

President R. L. Peters, of the Common Council, received a letter yesterday from Congressman John L. Moore, of the Weather Department, concerning the bureau to be located here, and that Chief Moore had stated that on no account would he consent to the location of the building. He said to Captain Lamb that when he visited the city he carefully inspected all of Chilmorozo Park, and that there was no suitable site to be had save the one originally selected by the city. Captain Lamb urged Mr. Peters to have the Council act as soon as possible, and intimated that the building would be lost to the city if the delay was much greater.

The letter was in reply to one written by Mr. Peters asking him to consult Chief Moore, requesting that the department not act hastily in taking the building from Richmond in case the matter got tied up in the Council, and to find out, in the event that the Council refused to give the site on the top of Chilmorozo Park, if the department would accept another. Mr. Peters, who is greatly in favor of giving the government the location chosen, is of the opinion that with the letter from Captain Lamb, showing that the decision of the department is final, the Council will pass favorably on the matter without further bickering. A decision by the Council in favor of the protesting citizens, or a much greater delay, will be sure to drive the observatory from the city.

Stabbed in Arm. James Hill, colored, was stabbed in the right arm yesterday morning, though on account of the heaviness of the rains, could not be composed of twenty-five cars, the exact number cannot be given. The troops will be shipped as fast as they land in Florida, and many will pass through Richmond.

"POOR LITTLE ME" WON ESSAY PRIZE

Miss Boyson, Ignorant of Criticism, Tells Former Schoolmate of Good Fortune.

"Poor little me! Just think of it! I won the \$100 prize offered at Columbia last year for an essay on General Lee. It was the surprise of my life, and when the news came I could hardly believe it."

This is an extract from a letter written to a city friend and former schoolmate in this city by Miss Christine Boyson, of Minnesota, who is still ignorant of the action taken by the Daughters of the Confederacy, or of the interest her essay has aroused throughout the entire South.

The letter was received here several days ago, and the recipient, who was Miss Boyson's deskmate and most intimate school friend, declares that it is written in her characteristic style, and expresses in almost every line the writer's joy in having won in the competition for the prize offered by the Confederacy.

There is no word to indicate that she has heard anything of the comment or criticism which has been made of the work.

In speaking of Miss Boyson, her former schoolmate, says she is the cleverest woman she has ever known, whose excellence in all departments of college work placed her, as far as school duties were concerned, head and shoulders above her classmates. Miss Boyson will shortly know of the action of the Daughters of the Confederacy as the schoolmate says: "I expect to write Christine a long letter, and I'll tell her all about it."

GOES TO WOODSTOCK

Mr. Burgess Leaves Guerrant to Be- lieve Hotel Proprietor.

J. A. Burgess, Jr., who has been associated with the Hotel Guerrant as chief clerk since its opening, nearly two years ago, left yesterday for Woodstock, Shenandoah county, where he becomes proprietor of the Geary Hotel. Whether he has been dismissed, or whether he has been promoted, succeeds him at the Guerrant.

Mr. Burgess made many friends during his stay in Richmond, and his efficient work at the Geary has been ample opportunity of making a record as a hotel man. He was manager there for three years and now that he is proprietor, he will endeavor to put it forward more rapidly than heretofore.

To Discuss Pneumonia. The regular monthly meeting of the Richmond Academy of Medicine and Surgery will be held at the Travelers' Protective Association building Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. Papers on pneumonia will be read by Dr. E. B. Barksdale and Dr. A. G. Brown.

SHOWER-BATH IS DRAWING CARD

Hundreds Go to Branch Institution, Which Is Growing in Popularity.

Though they have been in operation only three days, the Branch Public Baths are taking men and women away from the family tub in every section of the city. The number of patrons coming to the new institution has increased every day. They are coming from everywhere—from the East End and the West End, and pouring in from that section of the city in which the bath-house is located. If the applicants continue at the same rate for two more weeks it will be necessary to erect another building for their accommodation. The women have been a little shy so far, but the number is becoming larger and larger every day.

The real drawing card is the shower bath, which has been installed in comparatively few of the private homes. Special attention has been paid to them in the Branch Baths. Of the 432 men who has thus far cleansed themselves in the new building, every one has taken the shower. Superintendent L. E. Harvey reports that on the opening day there were 87 patrons. Friday brought 104, and on Saturday, when everybody got ready for church and Sunday school, the total rose to 241. Some of them came out of curiosity, and were so much pleased that they declared that they were going to get the habit.

Soldiers Will Pass Here. Two train loads of the troops now evacuating Cuba, left Tampa, Fla., last night for the East. They will probably be here in the city early tomorrow morning, though on account of the heaviness of the rains, could not be composed of twenty-five cars, the exact number cannot be given. The troops will be shipped as fast as they land in Florida, and many will pass through Richmond.

MAKING COMING TO BOOST GOOD ROADS

Six Hundred Delegates from All Parts of Virginia Expected Here This Week.

CANDIDATES ALSO APPEAR

Plan of Association Is to Conduct Work Independent of Politics.

After looking over Saturday's batch of replies, Secretary H. L. Harwood estimates that there will be an attendance of more than 600 at the convention of the Virginia State Highway Association, which meets here Wednesday and Thursday. In addition, the number will be augmented by many good roads advocates who come to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Mr. Harwood also has assurances that several of the delegates to the Anti-Saloon convention in Newport News will come to the city for the purpose of taking part in the convention. Inquiries have been received from some who seem to be under the impression that they will not be eligible to take part unless commissioned by the Governor. He desires it understood that everyone interested in the movement will be welcomed.

No Politics in It. Final arrangements for the convention have been completed, though replies to the invitations are being received every day. Up to the closing of the office Saturday night seventy-five favorable replies had been received that day.

Harry St. George Tucker and Judge William Hodges Mann will be in the city during the week and they will attend. It is also expected that Carter Glass will be here, though no reply has yet been received to the invitation sent him. None of these is scheduled for a speech, as it is the intention of the promoters of the convention that no semblance of politics shall enter into the deliberations. Congressman John L. Harwood, Senators Rogers and James Hay and Delegates R. V. Withers and Roswell Page are also expected.

One of the features of the proposed plan for the improvement of the highways is the election of a vice-president from each county and every city in the State. These officers will take informal discussion of the effectiveness of the association in all parts of the State. More than 130 new vice-presidents will be elected.

It has been arranged that after the regular speeches of both days' sessions a certain time will be set apart for the informal discussion of good roads by the delegates and others present. Their talks will be limited to ten minutes each.

STEVENS DENIES REPORT

Says C. and O. Is Not in Any Deal for Western Consolidation.

Fred W. Scott, of this city, a representative of the syndicate which recently secured control of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, declined yesterday to discuss a rumor from Chicago that a consolidation had been effected between the Chicago and Alton, the Toledo, St. Louis and Western, the Iowa Central, Minneapolis and St. Louis, Chesapeake and Ohio and possibly the Rock Island, Hamilton and Dayton Railroads.

President George W. Stevens, of the Chesapeake and Ohio, said last night: "I can speak authentically for the new interests that such a move is not now in contemplation. I don't think it has been mentioned. No representative of the new interests is in Chicago."

The Associated Press dispatch containing the information that a rumor of such a consolidation was current in railroad circles in Chicago was received late Saturday night, and contained the statement that Edw. Hawley is mentioned as the head of the combine.

Concerning the purchase by the Hawley syndicate, the Railroad Age Gazette says: "The Chesapeake and Ohio has been a conservatively managed, first-class road carrying 1 per cent. dividends on its \$22,799,100 stock, the rate being the same since 1899. Large sums have been put back into the property for improvement, and it might well have been charged to capital account, and this policy has so enhanced the value of the property itself, that taking into account its geographical position, it appears likely that the acquisition of the Chesapeake and Ohio was rather an investment of funds received from the extension and enlargement of the Hawley system."

The annual meeting of the Virginia Game Protective Association will be held on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the rooms of the Travelers' Protective Association. Many of the members of this association, scattered throughout the State will be in Richmond in attendance on the meeting of the Good Roads Association, and the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and officers expect the largest meeting in the history of the organization. It has about 500 members, living in all parts of Virginia.

Reports will be presented showing the working of the various State and county game laws, and it may be that resolutions will be passed looking to the further protection of certain classes of game, now becoming more and more rare in Virginia. Dr. J. B. Fisher of Middleburg, is president, and Major L. T. Christian, of Richmond, secretary. It was through the efforts of this association that the present law restricting the sale of partridges was passed by the last Legislature.

TO HEAR REPORTS ON GAME LAWS

State Protective Association Meets This Week to Consider Enforcement of Legislation.

GROUND-HOG HAS LAUGHON ENEMIES

Sleet, Hail and Snow Mark the Beginning of Animal's Prophecy.

True to the prophecy of the much discounted ground-hog, the weather yesterday took on an aspect of real winter, notwithstanding the warm spell that immediately followed the 2 of February, the date fixed for the ground-hog's foretelling of the days to be.

The morning broke bleak and drear, with a heavy, ominous cloud in the east, and early folk looked out of their windows, shivered and returned to their cosy beds. The dawn had all the signs of a stormy day, and the pig laughed, perhaps, in his den underground, leaving the thoroughfares to lonely policemen and others whose business kept them away from their cheery inlets.

In the shank of the day the sleet and hail turned to snow, and it fell rapidly, continuing to cover streets and houses in a shroud that looked pretty, but which boded ill for to-day, when it will have become slush and mud. The snow ceased late at night, but the weather still remained cold, and at midnight the thermometer, which had risen a little, set the mark at 37, five degrees only above freezing point. Few people came out after midnight, and soon the city was left to the wanderers of the night and the silent watchers.

FLASHED ROLL, SO CROWD WENT OUT AND ROBBED HIM

Burfoot Proudly Displayed \$90 in Saloon, Thugs Later Reminding Him That It Doesn't Pay to Tempt Folk Beyond Their Strength.

As a warning to all who make too much display of their wealth, John B. Burfoot, colored, of 714 North Second Street, was held up and robbed of \$90 in cash early yesterday morning as he was crossing a lonely field near the corner of Ashland and Washington Streets.

Burfoot had been to visit a newly married friend, and on the return trip he stopped in a saloon just at closing time to get his usual nightcap. He pulled out his roll of bills, paid for the drink, then, carefully, in the sight of all, rolled up his pile again and placed it back in his pocket. Hungry eyes looked on the greenbacks, and when Burfoot went out of the bar-room three negroes followed him.

He kept up an easy jaunt for part of the distance, and then struck out through an open field, a shorter cut on the way he was traversing. About the middle of the field, the loneliest spot in all the neighborhood, he heard the sound of following feet.

He turned to look, and then he stopped. On each side of him was a gleaming revolver. An unarmed man was in front.

"Hold up your hands," commanded one of the men. He lifted them heavenward without a murmur. "Your money or your life," said a second.

"Give me my life," he responded shrilly, and then stood mute as a statue. The third man went through his pockets, raking out every cent he had. They left him with a warning about flashing money in bars, and a little later, when the coast was clear, Burfoot proceeded home. He had discovered the truth of that old saying: "The longest way round is the shortest way home."

Burfoot is a highly respectable negro. He is employed by a prominent white firm in the eastern part of the city. He reported the robbery yesterday.

HIS STORY NEARLY COOLED STRANGER

Boy Would Have Found a Home, but the Policeman Knew Him, and Sent Him to Station.

Cleverly manufacturing a story of how he had been left in the streets by a father who had gone to New York, two weeks after his mother had died, Arthur Wheat, eleven years old, was last night found walking the streets by a stranger, who was preparing to furnish him a home for the night, when a police officer recognized the child, as one who frequently disappears from home, and whose unvarying tale is that he has been cruelly treated by a stepmother. Arthur was given a lodging in the First Police Station.

In his recital the boy said that his name was Arthur Jones, and that he lived on West Broad Street until two weeks ago, when his mother died. His father, he said, had gone away. Arthur was slowly walking down Main Street, and had got near the corner of Fourteenth, when he asked a man to find him a bed. His feet and hands were benumbed with cold, and his clothing was soaking wet. He wore no overcoat, and his ears were protected by muffers attached to a furry cap.

All the police know of Arthur Wheat is that he disappears periodically, and that in his short life he has spent many nights in the station-house. He cried bitterly when he was taken there last night, but would not aver to the statement that he left home on Friday, and that since that time he has been fed by boys of a gang to which he belongs. The boy is said to live between Ninth and Tenth Streets on Broad Street, with his stepmother.

BROKE DOOR OPEN

Police Arrest William Loney, Colored, on Charge of Selling Whiskey.

William Loney, colored, was arrested early yesterday morning by Police-Men Palmer, Clark and Thurman on a charge of running a speakeasy in Pink Lane.

The officers had some difficulty in entering, for Loney seems to have smeared them after off. He looked and harried the door, and the three bluecoats had to break it open. After they got in, Loney had, they found, disposed of the greater part of the whiskey, but they got two half-pints, which will be placed in evidence.

POLEMAN'S BROTHER IN ILL

E. C. Johnson, of Powhatan county, was operated on in the Memorial Hospital last night for appendicitis. The operation is said to have been entirely successful. Mr. Johnson is a brother of Policeman C. M. Johnson, of the local force.

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The prediction has been made that the daily outpouring will increase to 100,000 before the final meeting next Sunday. This indicates that a crowd of persons almost as large as the entire population of this city will attend the services there each day.

Can't Enter the Saloons

Mr. and Mrs. William Asher, who conducted the saloon meetings in Richmond, were not allowed to enter the bar-rooms of Boston, as a city ordinance, which prohibits music in such resorts, was strictly enforced. The evangelist and his wife have therefore confined their meetings to other buildings, and have frequently entered jails and other institutions. Dr. Chapman's assistants are scattered in the various churches.

The Boston meetings, which began two weeks ago, were preceded by the Grand Lodge of Masons in Virginia, which will convene in the Masonic Temple to-morrow night at 7:30 o'clock. The session will last for three days. The communication will be opened with Most Worshipful Joseph W. Eggleston, grand master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Virginia. After the work of the Grand Lodge on Wednesday night, officers will be elected for the year. Grand Master Eggleston, it is said, will certainly stand for reelection, and in that case there will be no change in those below him.

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Coming Here for Operation. Messages were received here yesterday afternoon that H. O. Kerns, of Sutherland, a member of the grand working committee and a past grand master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Virginia, would be brought to the city to-morrow and operated on at the Memorial Hospital. The nature of his illness is not known. The institution is operated for the benefit of the out-of-town members of the grand working committee are quartered at the Richmond Hotel, awaiting the sessions of the Grand Lodge.

MASONS HERE TO-MORROW

Grand Lodge of Virginia Opens 131st Annual Communication.

Arrangements have been completed for the 131st annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Virginia, which will convene in the Masonic Temple to-morrow night at 7:30 o'clock. The session will last for three days. The communication will be opened with Most Worshipful Joseph W. Eggleston, grand master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Virginia. After the work of the Grand Lodge on Wednesday night, officers will be elected for the year. Grand Master Eggleston, it is said, will certainly stand for reelection, and in that case there will be no change in those below him.

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Stranger Whose Hand Was Amputated at Memorial Hospital.

The condition of J. M. McPhail, of Henrico county, whose hand was amputated at the Memorial Hospital Saturday night, is said to be improving yesterday. Mr. McPhail moved to Virginia from South Dakota several years ago, and purchased the Bennett farm, but he has been unable to do so much as he wished, and the purchase price being \$17,000, but so much was the new owner improved the property that he has recently sold it for \$25,000. He is said to be a very wealthy man, and has received many callers since he has been at the hospital. He is fifty-eight years old.

REOPEN SANATORIUM

New Management Takes Charge of Ironville Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

A reorganization has been effected of the Ironville Tuberculosis Sanatorium, at Ironville, Va. Dr. Walter P. Wood, formerly medical superintendent of the White Haven, Penn., Sanatorium, is now in charge. The institution is operated for public benefit, the board receiving no profit. Under the reorganization management, with climatic advantages second to none, the institution, the first of its kind in Virginia, will, no doubt, be largely patronized by those seeking recuperation from the ills of this widespread disease.

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